



Via Portal Submission

March 17, 2021  
MGEX Submission No. 21-11

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
Secretary of the Commission  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20581

**RE: Rule Certification Submission Pursuant to CFTC Regulation 40.6(a);  
Implementation of the SPIKES Market Maker Program**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEAct”) and Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) Regulation 40.6(a), the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, Inc. (“MGEX”) hereby notifies the CFTC of its intention to implement the SPIKES Market Maker Program (“Program”). The proposed Program will become effective on April 1, 2021.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

MGEX has reviewed the Core Principles for designated contract markets (“DCM Core Principles”) and identified that the Program may impact the following DCM Core Principles:

- *DCM Core Principle 2, Compliance with Rules:* The Program is established pursuant to existing MGEX Rule 2.1.11. Participants in the Program will be selected by the Exchange using criteria as stated in Exhibit 1. MGEX will monitor Program participants’ volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives.
- *DCM Core Principle 4, Prevention of Market Disruption:* The Program will not impact MGEX’s ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA, CFTC Regulations, and its Rules. MGEX will monitor trading in the Program to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse.
- *DCM Core Principle 7, Availability of General Information:* The terms of the Program have been disseminated on the MGEX website. For further inquiry, Market Participants may contact MGEX for more information regarding the Program.
- *DCM Core Principle 9, Execution of Transactions:* The product included in this Program is listed for trading in the open and competitive market.

- *DCM Core Principle 12, Protection of Markets and Market Participants*: The Program is subject to MGEX Rules, which includes prohibitions against abusive practices, including fraudulent, noncompetitive, or unfair actions.
- *DCM Core Principle 18, Recordkeeping*: All participants in the Program must execute a contractual agreement with MGEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and MGEX Rules. The Program is subject to MGEX's record retention policies, which comply with the CEA and CFTC Regulations.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in MGEX Rule 2.1.11., the Exchange has approved the Program. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program, nor is MGEX aware of any substantive opposing views with respect to this filing.

The Program is intended to become effective ten (10) business days from the date of this submission. If there are any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (612) 321-7128. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter D. Sparby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter D. Sparby  
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure